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Report of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum

Executive summary

This report has been prepared by the Chair on behalf of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum in response to the requests by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2010/2 and by the General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/65/141. Taking into account the results of the first two meetings held by the Working Group in early 2011, it gives a brief account of the establishment and the outcome of its three meetings held at the end of 2011 and in early 2012, within the framework of resolution 2011/16 extending the mandate of the Working Group, which had not been able to complete its task given the complexity and political sensitivity of the subject. During these three last meetings, the Group continued to fulfil its task, on the basis of the work already accomplished and in line with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda. The Working Group established areas which should be improved, as well as broad agreements in this regard to guide and structure the drafting of specific and relevant recommendations on improvements to the Internet Governance Forum. As requested, they are included in this report.

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Introduction

1. On 19 July 2010, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted, by consensus, resolution 2010/2 on the "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society". By this resolution, ECOSOC "invites the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to establish, in an open and inclusive manner, a working group which would seek, compile and review inputs from all Member States and all other stakeholders on improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), in line with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda, and would make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Commission at its fourteenth session in 2011, in a report that would constitute an input from the Commission to the General Assembly, through ECOSOC, should the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum be extended".

2. At its sixty-fifth session, the General Assembly decided to extend the mandate of the IGF,[1] underlining the need to improve the IGF "with a view to linking it to the broader dialogue on global Internet governance", and decided that particular consideration should be given to "inter alia, enhancing participation from developing countries, exploring further voluntary options for financing the Forum and improving the preparation process modalities, and the work and functioning of the Forum's secretariat".

3. The Working Group was composed of 21 Member States, including the five Member States that have hosted IGF meetings and the two that have hosted the World Summit on the Information Society. In addition, five representatives from the business community, five representatives from civil society, five representatives from the technical and academic community and five representatives from intergovernmental organizations were invited to participate interactively in the Working Group.[2] Subsequently, the Working Group agreed on the attendance of a representative[3] of Mr. Fortunato de la Peña, Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), and on the membership of Kenya as host country of a completed IGF.[4] The full list of members and participants can be found in the annex to this report.

4. Following a number of face-to-face and online open consultations which were held prior to the setting up of the Working Group,[5] its work was carried out in two different phases. In a first phase, two meetings were held, on 25 and 26 February 2011 in Montreux, Switzerland,[6] and on 24 and 25 March 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland,[7] under the

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[1] General Assembly resolution 65/141. Information and communications technologies for development. 20 December 2010.

[2] For more information, the meeting report of the Panel on Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society – Working Group on the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is available at http://www.unctad.org/sections/un_cstd/docs/cstd2010d19_report-wsis_en.pdf.

[3] Ms. Elizabeth Té, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations.

[4] The sixth meeting of the IGF was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 27–30 September 2011.

[5] A first open consultation meeting was held during the fifth IGF meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 16 September 2010, and is summarized at http://www.unctad.org/sections/un_cstd/docs//cstd2010d01_en.pdf. An online questionnaire was then published in November 2010 to which 23 responses were sent in. The results of the questionnaire were discussed during a second open face-to-face meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on 24 November 2010, and are available at http://www.unctad.info/upload/CSTD-IGF/Documents/IGFsummary.pdf.

[6] The Chair's summary of the first meeting of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum is available at http://www.unctad.org/sections/un_cstd/docs/UN_WGIGF2011d04_en.pdf.

chairmanship of Mr. Frederic Riehl. During these two meetings, the Group sought, compiled and reviewed in an open and inclusive manner inputs from Member States and other stakeholders on improvements to the IGF, in line with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.

5. ECOSOC at its 2011 substantive session and the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session considered the report prepared by Mr. Riehl concerning the results of the work of the Group, which did not have sufficient time to complete its task, given, in particular, the sensitivity and complexity of the subject and therefore significant divergences in this regard among Member States. Subsequently, in its resolution 2011/16 on the "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society", ECOSOC agreed to extend the mandate of the Working Group until the fifteenth session of the CSTD to enable the Group to continue to complete its task and to submit, if appropriate, recommendations on improvements to the IGF, as an input from the Commission to the General Assembly through ECOSOC.

6. With three additional meetings (31 October–2 November 2011; 11–13 January 2012; and 20–22 February 2012),[8] which were held in Geneva under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Major, the Working Group carried out its work, in an open and inclusive manner, in a second phase with the primary goal of completing its task, in particular by establishing recommendations on improvements to the IGF.

7. The Working Group decided to continue its work based on the first two meetings, taking due account of the "Non-paper of the Chair for concrete recommendations of the Working Group on Improvements to the IGF" and agreed to use the "Chairman's draft summary of responses/recommendations to the Questionnaire on Improvements to the IGF" as a working basis when identifying relevant recommendations to improve the IGF.[9]

8. It is important to note that while the task of the Working Group consisted primarily in reviewing the functioning of the IGF to assess its efficiency and distinguish existing areas requiring improvements to ensure the full implementation of the mandate of the IGF as set out in the Tunis Agenda, participants recognized the important work of the IGF Secretariat which, with limited resources, was able, each year, to ensure the success of the IGF meetings held in six different countries.

9. The Working Group reaffirmed the mandate of the IGF as stated in paragraphs 72–80 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.

10. On this basis, the Working Group agreed to make the following recommendations with regard to specific areas, namely the shaping of the outcomes of IGF meetings, the working modalities of the IGF, including open consultations, the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) and the Secretariat, the funding of the IGF, broadening participation and capacity-building, and linking the IGF to other Internet governance-related entities, as follows:

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[7] The Chair's summary of the second meeting of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum is available at http://www.unctad.org/sections/un_cstd/docs//UN_WGIGF2011d07_summary_en.pdf.

[8] The Chair's summary of the third, fourth and fifth meetings of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum is available at http://www.unctad.info/en/CstdWG/.

[9] In view of the third meeting of the Working Group (31 October–2 November 2011), the Chair classified the recommendations contained in contributions received to the Questionnaire on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). These are available at http://www.unctad.info/upload/CSTD-IGF/Contributions/M1/CompilationWGIGF.pdf.

I. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings

11. While maintaining the IGF as a non-binding, non-decision-making and non-duplicative forum, it is important to improve the quality and format of IGF outcomes to enhance the impact of the IGF on global Internet governance and policy. For this purpose, it is necessary that IGF outcomes clearly reflect the full diversity of opinions on key policy issues of the multi-stakeholder IGF community. In addition, more tangible and visible IGF outcomes combined with enhanced communication tools and strategy would also improve outreach.

The Working Group makes the following recommendations:

1. Develop more tangible outputs

12. To focus discussions, the preparation process of each IGF should formulate a set of policy questions to be considered at the IGF, as part of the overall discussion. The results of the debates on these questions, with special focus on public policy perspectives and aimed at capacity-building, should be stated in the outcome documentation.

13. The outcome documentation should include messages that map out converging and diverging opinions on given questions.

14. The IGF should continue to produce and enhance its current reports, including the Chair's report, the sessions' transcripts, the workshop reports and the overall proceedings.

2. Improve the visibility of the IGF

15. Improve the visibility and availability of IGF outcomes by means of enhanced IGF communication tools and strategy to make the relevant documents available to all relevant stakeholders as well as the media.

II. Working modalities including open consultations, the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, and the Secretariat

16. While being focused on themes and specific policy questions, it is important to maintain the overall structure of the IGF, namely main sessions, feeder workshops, workshops, round tables and specific policy questions. However, the working modalities of the IGF, including open consultations, the MAG and the Secretariat, could be improved to ensure the effective impact of IGF multi-stakeholder policy dialogue.

The Working Group makes the following recommendations:

1. Improve the overall preparatory process of the IGF

17. The IGF Secretariat and the MAG should reach out and continue to invite all stakeholders to be more actively involved in the preparation of the IGF, including by identifying pertinent key policy questions around which main sessions for the IGF will be structured. In order to enhance the bottom-up process and to facilitate the identification of key policy questions, the Secretariat could also issue the call for workshop proposals before the first open consultation.

18. Logistics for the preparatory process should be improved, including by retaining the practice that all of the annual consultations should allow for remote participation.

19. Establishing a clear timetable for the preparatory process is necessary, including for all open consultations and MAG meetings, and important dates shall be published well in advance to enable the well-prepared participation of all stakeholders.

2. Improve the structure and working methods of the MAG

20. *The proposed selection process for the MAG:*

(a) The three non-governmental stakeholder groups should propose lists of candidates that should be balanced, including in terms of gender distribution and in reflecting the diversity of geographical distribution. This will enable a wide range of diversity within the MAG, especially those groups which have been underrepresented in the MAG, and will be sufficiently large to provide some flexibility when selecting MAG members;

(b) Stakeholder groups should identify and publicize the process which works best for their own culture and methods of engagement and which will ensure their self-management;

(c) The contribution of lists of proposed candidates for each stakeholder group should not be restricted to one particular body;

(d) The final selection of candidates shall continue to be made by the United Nations Secretary-General.

21. *During the selection process the following measures should be kept in mind:*

(a) The process of selection of MAG members should be inclusive, predictable, transparent and fully documented;

(b) New MAG members should undergo an orientation process before they participate in their first MAG meeting;

(c) The annual record of MAG physical and remote participation will be made by the IGF Secretariat and published on the IGF website;

(d) It is important that the MAG has clear terms of reference.

3. Strengthen the Secretariat

22. The IGF Secretariat should continue to operate with transparency and flexibility, be independent of any specific stakeholder interests, interface with all stakeholder groups and be accountable to the broader IGF community. With very limited human and financial resources, the IGF Secretariat, together with many volunteers, has effectively supported IGF meetings. However, it should be strengthened without losing its lightweight structure, as set out in the Tunis Agenda, to ensure that it has the ability to meet increasing demands in a cost-effective and efficient way, and to support the desired and increased outreach, including to developing countries and particularly the least developed countries (LDCs).

III. Funding of the IGF

23. Currently, the IGF relies on voluntary funding, including host-country and other in-kind contributions. While maintaining the present funding model, it is important to increase voluntary funding to enhance the long-term predictability and stability of funding contributions and create continuity of funds for the IGF activities. It is useful to explore additional ways to encourage voluntary contributions, in particular to support participation from developing countries and especially LDCs. Stable, predictable, and voluntary funding

should also cover remote participation management and technical expenses. The Secretariat and the host country should work together to ensure the availability of adequate technical and human resources, including a remote moderator. There is an integral relationship between stable, predictable and increased voluntary funding and the implementation of other recommendations of the Working Group.

The Working Group makes the following recommendations:

1. Encourage increased voluntary financial contributions

24. The present funding model should be continued. However, more financial resources are needed to support the existing functions of the IGF Secretariat and to support and enhance the participation of stakeholders from developing countries, and in particular LDCs. All potential donors are encouraged to contribute and make pluriannual contributions whenever possible.

25. The MAG is tasked with preparing IGF meetings, and its members can only fulfil this task if they are able to be physically present in meetings. Efforts should be made to fund those who are not in a position to do so.

26. One way to source additional funds would be to create a mechanism for inviting, accepting and aggregating contributions, including smaller contributions, that can be used specifically to broaden participation for developing countries, particularly LDCs, in the IGF. The possibility of establishing a light non-profit entity for this purpose should be explored.

27. Appreciation is expressed concerning the generosity of all donors to date. Donors are encouraged to continue, and where possible, increase their contributions, to assist in widening the donor base and to identify new mechanisms for predictable voluntary funding. In this regard, a closer relationship with stakeholders in the relevant fields should be explored and further encouraged.

28. Outreach and informational materials, including a letter of invitation to join the donors developed by the Secretariat, will be useful to communicate with potential donors.

29. The IGF Secretariat could make official announcements, via the website and other suitable mechanisms, to explain the fund-raising process, including information on how to contribute, as well as a description of the IGF and its activities that will be supported by contributions.

30. The resource mobilization for the IGF should be enhanced with proactive outreach and interaction with potential donors; in this regard, the Special Advisor on Internet Governance to the Secretary-General and the IGF Executive Coordinator can provide the necessary support in meeting this goal.

2. Enhance accountability and transparency

31. Annual financial reports detailing budget items, income and expenditure should be made available to the IGF community via the website, taking into account United Nations rules and regulations.

32. The IGF Secretariat should provide an annual update of IGF finances during open consultations with the possibility of providing views and comments, which the MAG may incorporate in its work and summary report.

33. There should be timely reports to donors, annually and at the end of every project cycle, on the implementation of the project document and on the use of funds.

3. **Acknowledge the host country's support and the in-kind support from other countries, organizations and the United Nations**

34. The IGF should recognize and acknowledge the substantial contributions from host countries throughout the hosting of the global IGF, which include significant financial and in-kind voluntary efforts such as providing services for the use of remote hubs and remote participants, as well as audio-visual and ICT requirements as per host country agreements. Such acknowledgments should be discussed with each host country.

35. The IGF should also recognize and acknowledge verifiable in-kind voluntary efforts to the planning and organizing process from other countries, organizations, and the United Nations, including support for participation, the hosting of remote hubs and remote participation services, as well as audio-visual and ICT requirements.

IV. Broadening participation and capacity-building

36. Although participation in the IGF has increased with time, it should be further broadened, both at the annual meeting and in its preparatory phase, to involve new stakeholders, in particular from developing countries and especially LDCs, and persons with disabilities and other underrepresented groups. Broadening participation enhances the IGF's openness and inclusiveness and fosters effective multi-stakeholder policy dialogue and productive capacity-building. For this purpose, questions related to existing obstacles that limit greater involvement should be addressed. It is important to acknowledge that remote participation is now an integral part of the IGF and that adequate resources should be made available to develop this activity further.

The Working Group makes the following recommendations:

1. **Expand and diversify participation**

37. Support for participation of all stakeholder groups from developing countries, in particular LDCs, in the IGF and its preparatory process should be further enhanced.

38. More topics addressing issues related to Internet governance for development should be included in the agenda to make it more interesting for participants from developing countries, in particular LDCs, thereby encouraging them to enhance their participation.

39. The selection of workshops is important and they should be made more relevant and inclusive.

40. Increased financial support for stakeholders who are currently not able to participate with their own resources is necessary. Where possible, special funding and other means of support for developing-country participants, in particular those from LDCs, should be increased. It is also important to encourage fellowship programmes supported by participating organizations.

41. Mechanisms to broaden participation should be encouraged, and such efforts should be ongoing and transparent with regular reports provided by the IGF Secretariat on progress made and obstacles faced.

2. Enhance measures for broader participation

42. Remote participation is an integral part of the IGF. While remote participation has improved, in particular through remote moderators and hubs, there is still room for improvement in the following areas:

(a) The Secretariat should continue to ensure the availability of adequate technical and human resources, including remote moderators;

(b) Chairs and moderators should give remote and on-site participants equal recognition and the opportunity to participate;

(c) Low-bandwidth connections to remote participation tools should be accommodated;

(d) Linguistic diversity in remote participation should be fostered by ensuring that online meeting platforms interface with on-site interpretation;

(e) Mechanisms that facilitate remote participation, such as live transcripts, should be kept as an integral part of the IGF. Such mechanisms are invaluable not only to remote participants, but also to non-English-speakers and to people with disabilities, whether they are on site or not.

43. It is important to ensure the accessibility of the IGF's facilities to persons with disabilities.

44. To improve participation in the IGF of diverse linguistic and cultural groups, it is important to expand linguistic diversity functions in the work of the IGF. For example, this could be achieved by (resources permitting):

(a) Increasing the translation of key documents into United Nations official languages;

(b) Exploring the use of simultaneous machine translations based on real-time English transcripts;

(c) Encouraging the use of any of the United Nations official languages, not only English, as the working language in some workshops.

3. Improve the online visibility and accessibility of the IGF

45. A first step in this direction should be to enhance the IGF's website by providing interactive functionalities and making it more attractive and inclusive. It should also maintain its conformance with open standards and further improve accessibility to persons with disabilities.

46. It is important to continue to encourage host countries to make information about logistics (e.g. low-cost accommodation, transportation between airports and hotels, shuttling between hotels and meeting venues) available in a timely manner on their websites.

4. Enhance all stakeholders' understanding of the IGF and Internet governance issues

47. The role of the IGF as a "one-stop shop" where people can increase their knowledge and understanding of the IGF and Internet governance issues should be strengthened. This could be done, for instance, by introducing a structured track of pre-events and events at the Forum that contribute to capacity-building in Internet governance.

48. All bodies dealing with Internet governance should be invited to participate, in a coordinated and cooperative manner, in the "one-stop shop" track of the IGF which contributes to capacity-building on Internet governance.

49. Orientation is important to better engage newcomers to the IGF and to create an environment where their participation becomes the most useful for them and also for other participants. Existing mechanisms to orientate newcomers should be continued and strengthened. This could be done by encouraging stakeholders' initiatives to document the IGF, including concerning best practices, with related links on the IGF website. The establishment of an Internet Governance Observatory is also encouraged.

50. Taking into account the need to increase the participation of all stakeholders, and in particular representatives of governments and parliamentarians to further broaden their interactions with other stakeholders at the IGF, a broad strategy could be developed to encourage their attendance, including possibly by organizing a special session during the IGF for them.

V. Linking the IGF to other Internet governance-related entities

51. It is important for the IGF to continue and improve its interaction and communication with other Internet governance-related entities in order to further global policy dialogue. This goal can be achieved by developing a defined outreach and communication strategy.

The Working Group makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure the relevance and inclusiveness of annual IGFs

52. The IGF is encouraged to continue and extend its interaction and communication with Internet governance-related entities in order to further develop the global policy dialogue.

53. The IGF Secretariat and the MAG should continue to improve the sharing of information related to the chosen policy questions for each annual IGF and its outcome documentation, with relevant Internet governance-related entities.

54. The IGF Secretariat and the MAG should further share information with relevant Internet governance-related entities about how they can contribute to and participate in the IGF.

2. Support enhanced communication

55. The communication should be improved between the IGF and relevant Internet governance-related entities. For example, it is important to improve linkages between the IGF and the CSTD, by requesting space in CSTD meetings to present information about IGF activities.

3. Empower the MAG and the IGF Secretariat to do consistent outreach

56. It is important to encourage better communication and interactions between national and regional IGF initiatives and the IGF, and to promote and enhance linkages with national and regional IGF initiatives. This should be achieved by consistent and active outreach to these initiatives by the IGF Secretariat. In addition, the MAG should ensure that national and regional IGF initiatives have adequate opportunities to feed into the IGF.

Annex

List of participants at the third, fourth and fifth meetings of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum

Geneva, Switzerland

31 October–2 November 2011
11–13 January 2012
20–22 February 2012

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